

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical device reamer spindle
~~which is easily disassembled for cleaning,~~ which comprises:
- a) an elongated housing extending along the spindle being
elongated along an axis, having to first and second
housing portions having respective first and second
housing ends and a central housing, the housing
substantially enclosing a drive train and comprised of
at least two elongated housing members that are
separable from one another approximately along a plane
substantially parallel to the axis of the housing; and
 - b) a capture mechanism, wherein at least one of the first
and second housing ends is retained to hold parallel
adjacent surface portions of the two elongated housing
members in a drive train enclosing face-to-face contact
relationship by [[a]] the capture mechanism, the at
least two elongated housing members being transversely
separable from one another with respect to said axis
along the parallel adjacent surface portions, the
capture mechanism comprising:
 - i) a locking ring;
 - ii) an annular sleeve to which a repositionable handle
is attached;
 - iii) an elastic device biasing between the locking ring
and the annular sleeve; and
 - iv) a locking sleeve, wherein the elastic device
biases the locking ring into a locking position
holding the first and second housing members
together in the face-to-face relationship, and
wherein the elastic device also biases the annular
sleeve, and thus the repositionable handle, into a

locked angular position about an axis of the handle, wherein removal of the locking ring against an elastic bias of the elastic device unfastens an end of the housing in order to facilitate disassembly of the first and second housing members ~~so as to permit cleaning and/or changing out of the housing members for other housing members of a different form in order to suit different surgical protocols.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The surgical device ~~reamer spindle~~ of claim [[2,]] 1 wherein the locking sleeve has recesses for receiving pins engaged in a shoulder of the locking sleeve, the shoulder being fixed to the housing[[,]] by the locking sleeve, and thus ~~and wherein the adjustable repositionable handle,~~ locking is locked in an angular position when the pins are received into the recesses, thereby locking the ~~locking~~ annular sleeve to the shoulder of the locking sleeve and thus to the housing.

4. (Currently Amended) The surgical device ~~reamer spindle~~ of claim [[2,]] 1 wherein the locking ring has at least one pin affixed thereto, the at least one pin locking the locking ring in a locking position when the locking ring is biased into a bayonet recess provided in at least one of the first and second housing members by the elastic device.

5. (Currently Amended) The surgical device ~~reamer spindle~~ of claim 1[[,]] wherein the housing substantially encloses a drive train that is selected from a group of drive trains consisting of nickel titanium drive trains, ferrous metal drive trains, flexible round wound cable drive trains, flat wire wound cable drive trains, gear-driven shaft drive trains, and drive trains having shafts connected via universal joints.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An elongated~~ A surgical device ~~reamer spindle having an adjustable handle which is easily disassembleable for cleaning, the spindle~~ having first and second ends and a central housing elongated along an axis, the central housing comprised of two elongated housing members, wherein at least one of the first and second ends is retained to hold parallel adjacent surface portions of the two elongated housing members in a face-to-face contact relationship ~~so as to substantially enclose a drive train~~, the two elongated housing members being transversely separable from one another with respect to said axis, wherein [[an]] a lockable adjustment mechanism adjustably locks ~~the~~ a handle in angular positions about the surgical device ~~spindle~~, the lockable adjustment mechanism comprising:

- a) a locking ring; and
- b) ~~a locking~~ an annular sleeve to which the adjustable handle is connected, wherein the annular sleeve has recesses for receiving pins engaged in a shoulder fixed to the housing, the annular sleeve, and thus the adjustable handle, locking when the pins are received into the recesses, thereby locking the annular sleeve to the shoulder and thus to the housing; and [[,]]
- c) wherein further an elastic device is disposed between the ~~locking~~ annular sleeve and the locking ring so as

to bias the locking ring in a locking position and to bias the ~~locking~~ annular sleeve, and thus the handle, in a selected angularly locked position about the housing, wherein removal of the locking ring against the bias of the elastic device facilitates disassembly of the housing ~~spindle for cleaning~~.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The surgical device ~~reamer-spindle~~ of claim 6, wherein the locking ring has at least one pin affixed thereto, the at least one pin locking the locking ring in a locking position when the locking ring is biased into a bayonet recess by the elastic device.

9. (Currently Amended) The surgical device ~~reamer-spindle~~ of claim 8 wherein the housing substantially encloses a drive train that is selected from a group of drive trains consisting of nickel titanium drive trains, ferrous metal drive trains, flexible round wound cable drive trains, flat wire wound cable drive trains, gear-driven shaft drive trains, and drive trains having shafts connected via universal joints.

10. (Currently Amended) A surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit including:

- a) a surgical device as a reamer ~~spindle~~ as claimed in claim 1 with a drive train having, at one end thereof; [[,]]
- b) a reamer holder; and
- c) at least one matching pair of housing members adapted for receiving the drive train and constraining the drive train in an operational orientation.

11. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 10 comprising at least two matching pairs of housing members of differing form, each form suitable to suit different surgical protocols.

12. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 10 further comprising at least one surgical reamer ~~(1)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 10, further comprising a femoral prosthesis.

14. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 10, further comprising an acetabular cup prosthesis.

15. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 10; further comprising an impactor.

16. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 10 further comprising a sterilization case.

17. (Currently Amended) A surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit including:

- a) a surgical device as a reamer ~~spindle~~ as claimed in claim 6 with a drive train having, at one end thereof, a reamer holder; and
- b) at least one matching pair of housing members adapted for receiving the drive train and constraining the drive train in an operational orientation.

18. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 17 comprising at least two matching pairs of housing members of differing form, each form suitable to suit different surgical protocols.
19. (Currently Amended) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 17 further comprising at least one surgical reamer (1).
20. (Previously Presented) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 17, further comprising a femoral prosthesis.
21. (Previously Presented) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 17, further comprising an acetabular cup prosthesis.
22. (Previously Presented) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 17, further comprising an impactor.
23. (Previously Presented) The surgical ~~reamer-spindle~~ kit of claim 17 further comprising a sterilization case.
24. (New) The surgical device of claim 1 wherein the housing substantially enclosing a drive train.
25. (New) The surgical device of claim 1 wherein the housing is either bent or relatively straight.
26. (New) The surgical device of claim 6 wherein the housing substantially enclosing a drive train.
27. (New) The surgical device of claim 6 wherein the housing is either bent or relatively straight.